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DIRECTORATE OF OPERATIONS

SPOT REPORT

SUBJECT: Use of Documents from CIA Files in
Ex-Nazi Deportation Case

14 July 1980

REFERENCE: Article in The Washington Post dated 10 July 1980,
entitled: CIA 1952 Files Save Ex-Nazi in Deportation Case

1. The referenced newspaper article reported correctly that three State Department documents containing information concerning Tscherim Soobzokov's Nazi affiliations were located in Directorate of Operations files. The first two documents are accurately described, the third document is not. In fact, the third document, dated 18 August 1953, was a routine request for information on sixty-nine individuals, of whom Soobzokov was one. The document did not, as stated in the article, "solicit the CIA's views on the matters disclosed therein". This office did not recommend for or against issuing a visa to Mr. Soobzokov.

2. Mr. Soobzokov served this Agency as an unwitting informant among the Circassian community in Amman, Jordan from 1951 until he emigrated to the United States in June 1955. Mr. Soobzokov did not ask for and was not given any assistance by the Agency in his emigration efforts. After his arrival in the United States, Mr. Soobzokov was engaged by the Agency in its "Hot War Reservists" program and made one trip to Jordan for two months in late 1957. He was terminated in December 1959.

3. The documents described in the attached article were surfaced as the result of a routine trace request which the Department of Justice submitted in August 1979 as part of its investigation of alleged Nazi War Criminals in the United States. The Department of Justice has submitted trace requests on more than three hundred individuals in connection with this investigation.

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